House Resolution No. 4903

Whereas, it is with the utmost pleasure and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has brought great commitment and steadfast dedication to the success of state government; and

Whereas, the future of this great state and nation undoubtedly depends on the abilities and willingness of employees who consistently work together as a team to keep the wheels of state government in constant motion; and

Whereas, B. Darrell Jackson of Lohman, Missouri, will officially retire as Director of House Research on January 1, 2004, after an exciting career in state government that has spanned an incredible twenty-seven years; and

Whereas, Darrell Jackson joined the staff of House Research as a Research Analyst IV on January 25, 1977, and brought tremendous skill and talent to the committees he served ,which included the Committee on Education, Committee on Consumer Protection, Committee on Governmental Review, and the Committee on Banking and Financial Institutions; and

Whereas, Darrell Jackson has served as Director of House Research since 1981, during which time he has hired and supervised approximately sixty members of the House Research staff; spearheaded special projects including redistricting in 1981, 1991, and 2001; served as an advisor on parliamentary procedure and constitutional issues; and gained an immeasurable amount of knowledge on the history of the Missouri House of Representatives; and

Whereas, during his twenty-three years as Director of House Research, Darrell Jackson has served under five speakers, provided assistance to approximately 700 House members, graduated from the University of Minnesota Legislative State Management Institute, received the 2000 Legislative Staff Achievement Award, and participated in the National Conference of State Legislatures; and

Whereas, an eighth generation Missourian and graduate of Yale University who taught philosophy at Queens College, Wesleyan University, College of Wooster, and the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1967 to 1976, Darrell Jackson is the beloved husband of Ann Pearson Jackson; the proud father of Elizabeth Jackson Luce, Susan Jackson, and Jeremy Jackson; and the loving grandfather of Jackson and Clara Luce:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join together with the House Research staff in expressing our most sincere appreciation to Darrell Jackson for his twenty-seven years of unparalleled service and dedication to House Research and to the State of Missouri, and in wishing him the long, relaxing, and enjoyable retirement he so richly deserves; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for B. Darrell Jackson, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First
Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and
correct copy of House Resolution No. 4903, adopted
December 31, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker